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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
BURKINA FASO

IPF:(1987-91) $48 432 000
(BKF/87/013) - Assistance au CRPA du Centre Nord

Date of approval by the AC:[1/]	30 October 1991
Expected duration:	Five years
Proposed executing agency:	FAO
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$1 799 100 Source of funds: IPF

Project background

The first Five-Year Plan (1986-1990) and the second Five-Year Plan (1991-1995) recognizing agriculture/livestock as the principal production sector in Burkina Faso, aim at food self sufficiency. The strategy adopted consists of regional specialization, intensification and diversification of crop, improved extension services and the organization of the rural population. In this context the Government has requested in 1985 UNCDF to undertake an integrated rural development project in the Center-North Region (Provinces of BAM, Sanmatenga and Namentenga). The Region has a particular fragile environment, a capricious rainfall pattern and is facing important soil degradation.

The UNCDF project (BKF/85/C05) Actions de production et d'accompagnement dans les provinces du BAM, Sanmatenga et Namentenga with a budget of $4 145 640 has been formulated in 1988 and approved in November 1988. The project comprises a number of integrated actions: rehabilitation and construction of small dams and irrigation works; four small dams with downstream irrigation plots of 15 hectares each; four dams for water control of low lying areas each of 45 hectares; 2640 hectares of anti-erosion works; 45 hectares perimeters of one hectare each for horticulture production; construction of seven training centers for young farmers; establishment of a credit system; and 18 storage facilities. The UNCDF project will be executed according to a work plan/budget established for one year at a time; and its total duration will be five years. This project will be executed and implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock through the Regional Center for Agropastoral Promotion (CRPA).

During the formulation of the UNCDF project it became clear that a technical assistance was needed to strengthen the CRPA enabling them to implement the project. It was also decided to concentrate on the Province of Namentenga, in view of little infrastructure improvement received in comparison with the other provinces. In order to define the methods

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for training, the modalities of participation of the population and to assess extension services needed, UNDP preparatory assistance of five months has been undertaken under IPF funds.

The preparatory assistance has carried out socio-economic surveys and agro-pedological studies, has identified the studies to be carried out for the execution of the project, and has prepared the framework for the execution of infrastructures. A Dutch financed project "Integrated Development in the Central/North Province" (PEDI) for a duration of 12 years, initially conceived for the three provinces, has limited its interventions to the Provinces of BAM and Sanmatenga, but has carried out studies and planning for watershed works in the three provinces including Namentenga. Close liaison has been established with the PEDI project at the formulation and preparatory assistance phase. To undertake this integrated development UNDP assistance was requested under the present approval.

Description of project

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) secure the agriculture activity and increase productivity through introduction of controlled irrigation and water control in the low lying areas, water storage infrastructures and soil conservation techniques, and introduction of horticulture (for women); (b) improve the availability of basic food products; (c) protect the population against speculation practices; (d) facilitate efficient marketing of excess production; and (e) provide for basic training of young farmers through the "Centers for Training of Young Farmers", extension service personnel in maintenance of the infrastructure work, promotion of participation of farmers population in the choices of development projects, and construction and exploitation of irrigated/water controlled perimeters.

Inputs

UNDP will provide two international consultants (14.4 man-months), a UNV agronomist (60 man-months), a national co-ordinator (60 man-months), a national engineer (60 man-months), a national administration officer; six national administrative and logistic support staff; a subcontract for training through NGOs, a subcontract for training technicians and operation testing, equipment (a vehicule, a typewriter, and consumable); and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	960 500
Subcontract	331 200
Training	180 000
Equipment	27 700
Miscellaneous	299 700
Total	1 799 100

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